Revenue Intelligence, Customs authorities and local police. Several premises of gold smugglers and disposal agents were searched. As a result, incriminating documents like loose slips/ sheets of paper, note books and memo pads prima-facie indicating clandestine transactions of about Rs. 12.17 crores in contrabad gold were recovered and seized. Further a crude gold piece weighing 16 grammes and a gold sovereign weighing 8 grammes, Indian currency amounting to Rs. 11.45 lakhs, believed to be the sale proceeds of contraband gold, US $ 320. bearer cheques and other incriminating documents were also seized. A bullet proof jacket was also found and seized. As a follow-up action one bank account was frozen. In this connection 7 persons were arrested who have now been released on bail. As the case is under investigation it will not be desirable in the interest of effective investigations to disclose further details at this stage. However fullest effect of the rigours of law will be brought to bear on those found guilty.

Increase in Pak Defence Expenditure

1953. SHR D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 22nd January, 1987 under the caption "Pak defence spending steadily increasing"; and

(b) if so, what steps government propose to take to strengthen the defence services and also to increase the defence expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government monitor all developments which have a bearing on our security and initiate appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

Review of India's Nuclear Policy

1954. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a rethinking on its well established policy of use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, in view of the situation created by Pakistan by moving its army in an offensive position near the Indian border recently and the fact that the Pakistan's nuclear preparations for the purposes of war ear just two screw drivers away, as reported in the western press; and

(b) what is Governments information regarding the progress made by Pakistan in prefecting its nuclear technology for war purposes and whether this is causing a threat to India's defence preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government are concerned at the non-peaceful dimensions of Pakistan's nuclear programme. A constant watch is being kept on this aspect as on all others having a bearing on India's security.

(b) Government have seen reports regarding Pakistan's progress towards nuclear weapons capability. This development is a threat to India's security.

Grants and loans to Bihar

1955. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants given to Bihar by the Central Government during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount given to the State as loans during the said period; and

(c) the amount of grants and loans proposed to be given to the State during the year 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) A statement showing the Central assistance for State Plans (Loans and Grants) released to Bihar from 1983-84 1985-86 and the allocated assistance for 1986-87 as well as the Budget Estimates for 1987-88, loans and grants is enclosed.

Statement

Central assistance for State plans Bihar

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Loan	Grants	Total
1983-84 (Releases)	21780.710	9334 590	31115.300
1984-85 (Releases)	25253.410	10822.890	36076.300
1985-86 (Releases)	37745.827	16176 783	53922.610
1986-87 (Allocated)	30816 800	13207.200	44024.000
1987-88 (Budget Estimates)	35910.000	15390.000	51300.000

Raids to recover contraband goods

1956. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any raids had been conducted by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and the Customs on the contraband goods markets in various states during the year 1986; and

(b) if so, state-wise details of goods seized and the value thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The total number of raids/searches conducted by the Customs authorities, including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, under the Customs Act, 1962 against open display and sale of smuggled goods in the principal markets of the country during the year 1986 and the value of the goods seized as a result thereof is given below:—

Number of raids/searches	Value of goods seized. (Rs. in crores)
3179	2.69

The main items of goods seized are watches, synthetic fabrics, electronic goods, cosmetics and other consumer items of daily use. State-wise details are not maintained separately.

Working of the C.B.I.

1957. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high powered committee was appointed to look into the working of the C.B.I.;